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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN

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1. I RAISED INFORMALLY WITH FONMIN WILLS THE TENTATIVE ITINERARY OF AMBASEDOR YOUNG. I DID SO BECAUSE WILLS TOLD ME HE WAS PLANNING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA EARLIER THE SAME WEEK. HE WILL DELAY SETTING FIRM TRAVEL PLANS IN ORDER ENSURE THAT HE WILL BE HERE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT.

2. WILLS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AUGUST 11 WOULD NOT BE THE BEST TIME FOR THE VISIT TO GUYANA. THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS' (PNC) ANNUAL PARTY CONGRESS WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 12 AND RUN FOR 8 DAYS. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY ON AUGUST 11 PREPARING HIMSELF FOR THE CONGRESS. ACCORDINGLY, WILLS GAINQUIRED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO MAKE HIS NISIT ONE OR THREE DAYS
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EARLIER (I.E., AUGUST 8 OR 10). TUESDAY, THE 9TH, IS CABINET MEETING DAY AND ALSO WOULD BE INCONVENIENT. I EXPLAINED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE AND WOULD HAVE TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH COMMERCIAL AIRLINES SCHEDULES, BUT I WOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF HIS SUGGESTION.

3. ASSUMING THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE HERE FOR A FULL WORKING DAY AND ONE EVENING, WE ENVISAGE POTENTIAL SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

A. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS, WITH OTHER MINISTERS JOINING IN MEETING.

B. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL GUYANESE. THIS COULD BE OCCASION FOR A SPEECH. APPROPRIATE THEMES MIGHT BE "ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE" AND NECESSITY FOR "SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY" OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH WERE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S MAY 3 ECLA SPEECH, ALTHOUGH SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, ALMOST ANY NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE, OR THE US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO GUYANESE.

C. MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNAHM DURING LATE AFTERNOON. PROBABLY WILLS AND ONE OR TWO OTHER MINISTERS WOULD PARTICIPATE DURING PART OF THIS MEETING.

D. A RECEPTION HOSTED BY CHARGE OR AMBASSADOR BURKE COULD BE PLANNED FOR THE EVENING OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AMBASSADOR YOUNG COULD MAKE A PUBLIC SPEECH AT THE UMANA YANA (A PUBLIC MEETING HALL USED FOR SUCH OCCASTIONS).

4. THE ABOVE POSSIBLE SCHEDULE HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH GUYANESE OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH I KNOW THAT FONMIN
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WILLS WANTS TO HOST A LUNCHEON FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

5. OUR CHECK OF AIRLINES SCHEDULES INDICATES THAT IF THE AMBASSADOR STICKS TO SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED REFTEL, HE COULD ARRIVE HERE FROM TRINIDAD ON AUGUST 10 ON BWIA 465 AT 8:30PM OR VIA PAN AM 227 AT 11:30 PM. HE COULD DEPART FOR TRINIDAD AT 9:25 AM AUGUST 12. NO FLIGHT LEAVES HERE FOR TRINIDAD LATE ON AUGUST 11. IF COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SCHEDULES PROVE TOO INFLEXIBLE, POSSIBLY THE AMBASSADOR COULD TRAVEL FROM VENEZUELA TO GUYANA VIA DAO EECUTIVE JET ASSIGNED TO US AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT SCHEDULE CHANGE SUGGESTED BY WILLS COULD FACILITATE MORE SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH BURNHAM THAN WOULD A MEETING ON AUGUST 11 WHILE HE IS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE PARTY CONGRESS. NEVERTHELESS, WILLS REMAINS PREPARED TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WHENEVER THE VISIT IS POSSIBLE. ALSO, WE GUESS THAT BURNHAM ALSO WOULD FIND TIME TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THE 11TH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, BEING INFORMED ASAP SO THAT WILLS CAN SCHEDULE HIS TRIP TO

VENEZUELA ACCORDINGLY.
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